

FARM NUMBERS

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The 2003 total number of farms in Minnesota was estimated at 80,000, down 900 farms from 2002, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The Minnesota number of farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 economic sales class decreased 200 to 35,200 in 2003. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 economic sales class decreased 700 to 25,500 farms in 2003.

Minnesota farms in the \$100,000 and over sales class remained unchanged from 2002 at 19,300 in 2003. In 1998 the \$100,000 and over sales class was divided into three categories for number of farms and land in farms.

A farm is defined as any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Government payments are included as sales.

**NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND
AVERAGE SIZE: Minnesota, 1992-2003 1/**

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Size of Farms
	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000 Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>
1992	88,000	29,800	339
1993	86,000	29,700	345
1994	84,500	29,500	349
1995	83,000	29,400	354
1996	82,000	29,200	356
1997	81,000	29,100	359
1998	80,000	28,600	358
1999	81,000	28,200	348
2000	81,000	27,900	344
2001	81,000	27,800	343
2002	80,900	27,800	344
2003	80,000	27,700	346

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**NUMBER OF FARMS: By Economic Sales Class
Minnesota, 1998-2003**

Year	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000- \$249,999	\$250,000- \$499,999	\$500,000 & Over	Total
	<u>Number</u>					
1998	29,600	29,400	12,600	5,500	2,900	80,000
1999	30,500	29,500	12,400	5,500	3,100	81,000
2000	32,100	28,400	11,600	5,500	3,400	81,000
2001	33,900	27,100	10,900	5,400	3,700	81,000
2002	35,400	26,200	10,000	5,400	3,900	80,900
2003	35,200	25,500	10,000	5,400	3,900	80,000

**LAND IN FARMS: By Economic Sales Class
Minnesota, 1998-2003**

Year	\$1,000- \$9,999	\$10,000- \$99,999	\$100,000- \$249,999	\$250,000- \$499,999	\$500,000 & Over	Total
	<u>1,000 Acres</u>					
1998	3,110	8,500	6,800	5,590	4,600	28,600
1999	3,140	8,000	6,600	5,460	5,000	28,200
2000	3,210	7,500	6,400	5,390	5,400	27,900
2001	3,220	7,200	6,200	5,380	5,800	27,800
2002	3,290	6,830	5,900	5,380	6,400	27,800
2003	3,070	6,850	5,920	5,410	6,450	27,700

